(ii) The money received towards Net Present Value (NPV) is to be used for natural assisted regeneration, forest management, protection, infrastructure development, wildlife protection and management, supply of wood and other forest produce saving devices, and other allied activities.

(iii) Money realized from the user agencies in pursuance of the Supreme Court orders or decision taken by the National Board for Wildlife involving cases of diversion of forest land in protected areas, is required to be put in a corpus and the income is to be used exclusively for undertaking protection and conservation activities in protected areas of the States/UTs.

(iv) CAMPA is required to release the funds to the concerned States/ UTs in predetermined instalments through the State Level Management Committee as per the Annual Plan of Operation finalized by the concerned States/UTs.

(c) and (d) Compesatory Afforestation Fund has not been operationalised so far, and therefore, no funds have been released to the States/UTs from this fund.

Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

†1653. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is the main hurdle in implementation of "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases for clearance to construct roads in the intervening forest land falling enroute the roads to be constructed that have been forwarded to the Government during the last three years alongwith the number of such proposals cleared and pending till date; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to seek a permanent solution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No Sir.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) During the last three years, 99 proposals involving diversion of forest land for construction of roads have been received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh. Out of these, 69 proposals have been approved, 8 cases have been closed for want of information, one case has been rejected on merit, 3 cases have been withdrawn by the State Government, additional information has been sought in respect of 11 proposals from the State Government, and 7 proposals are under examination.

(c) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is a regulatory Act and not prohibitory. The proposals for diversion of forest land received from the State Government are considered on the merit of the case and as per the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules and guidelines made thereunder. To ensure time bound disposal of such cases, a time limit of 60 days has been prescribed for the Central Government to take a decision under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Proposals under consideration under Forest Conservation Act in Chhattisgarh

†1654. SHR! RAMADHAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals from Chhattisgarh which are under Government's consideration under Forest Conservation Act, 1980;

(b) whether there is any time limit for taking the final decision on the proposals received, if so, the time limit;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration to lay down time limit; and

(d) by when the decision would be taken on the proposals received from Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) At present three number of proposals of Chhattisgarh are under consideration of the Ministry under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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